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Applicant: Norio HAGA et al.

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

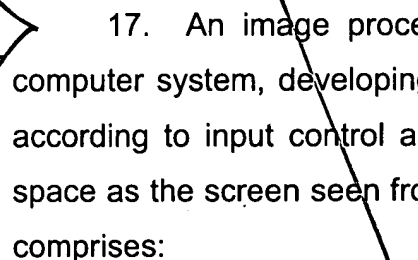
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 17, 27, 28, and 35 with the following claims:


17. An image processing device for situating objects in virtual space by a computer system, developing a game while controlling the movements of said objects according to input control and set rules, and displaying circumstances in said virtual space as the screen seen from a virtual camera, wherein said image processing device comprises:

polygons forming lines situated along a reference plane serving as the reference